Power Generation

*343. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total generating capacity of power achieved during the year 1985-86 and its break up under thermal hydel and nuclear power;

(b) the additional generating capacity raised during 1985-86; and

(c) the target for power generation fixed for 1986-87?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The installed generating capacity as on 31.3.1986 was 46603 MW comprising of 29856 MW thermal, 1270 MW Nuclear and 15477 MW Hydro.

(b) During the year 1985-86, additional generating capacity of 4223 MW was inducted.

(c) The power generation target fixed for the year 1986-87 is 190 billion units.

Award of South Basin gas platform contract to an Italian firm

*344. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Snamprogetti of Italy has been selected for the award of the 138 million contract for South Basin gas platform;

(b) whether Hyundai Heavy Industries Corporation of South Korea was the lowest bidder for the project and

(c) if so, on what grounds the lowest bidder was not awarded the contract?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b and (c) The contract has been awarded to M|s Snam Progetti, Italy whose bid emerged as the lowest in the overall analysis.

Oil reserves in Godavari and Krishna deltas

*345. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any oil reserves were found in Godavari and Krishna deltas in Andhra Pradesh near Narsapur Taluqa;

(b) whether the ONGC had dug a deep well up to the depth of 4,035 metres in 1979 for the purpose; and

(c) if so, what further progress has since been made in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No oil has so far been discovered in Narsapur.

(b) and (c) The well Narsapur-1 was drilled to a depth of 4,035 metres and gave indications of gas. Thereafter 3 more wells were drilled in this area, two of which were completed as gas producers.